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1. The Rubber Goods Factory (Ruggyantaárúgyár) is located at Kerepest ut 17, Budapest VIII. The area of the plant is about 180 to 200 m. long and 75 to 150 m. wide. The entire plant is surrounded by a stone wall two meters high. The northern part of the plant is separated from the rest by a wire fence about two meters high; here are located the various departments working exclusively for the armed forces. Of the two spur lines leading into the plant, one is used exclusively for the departments working on military orders.
2. The equipment and machinery of the plant are in good condition. Recently, new machines of Russian and German manufacture have been installed; at the same time, new production methods have been adopted.
3. Transportation is mostly by rail. The plant, however, has several trucks which are used for transporting materials and making local deliveries.
4. About 4,000 persons are employed in this plant, of whom about 40 percent are women. There are three daily work shifts. About 250 persons are employed in the department devoted to war production. Among the managerial personnel, the following are known:

General Manager: István Kovács, [redacted]  
Assistant General Manager: Kardos (fnu) [redacted]  
Workers' Representative: Ferenc Lakatos  
Secretary of the Communist Party: István Kolozsvári  
Security Chief: Captain József Molnár, a member of the AVH

The plant is inspected at frequent intervals by Hungarian and Soviet military commissions.

5. Production.

- a. The plant produces tires and tubes for trucks, airplanes, motorcycles, and bicycles; also rubber shoes and boots; rubber clothing, particularly cloaks; sanitary articles; and toys.

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- b. Part of the production is shipped to the USSR. Twice a week a Soviet Commission accepts goods varying from eight to ten carloads. All these products are carefully examined and tested, and then shipped directly to the Soviet Union. The identification numbers of the cars and the instructions on the cars are written in Russian.
- c. This plant also supplies truck and automobile tires and tubes to the Hungarian armed forces. Twice a week these products are shipped by truck convoys, under heavy military escort, to the main Army warehouse located at Darocsi ut, Budapest XI.
- d. About 8,000 "wheels" ~~very likely tires~~ are manufactured every day; at least, this is the number of tires that is sent daily to the packing department. So far production is below what the plans call for; officially, the reason for this is the lack of raw materials, that is, crude rubber. The truth, however, is that the productivity of the workers is very low, due in part to the low morale because of low pay.
6. The primary raw material used in this plant is crude rubber, of which eight railroad carloads arrive every month.
7. The security of the plant is entrusted to 42 guards armed with pistols and automatic rifles. There are also 35 firefighters.

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Legend to the enclosed sketch of the Rubber Goods Factory:

1. Guardhouse
- 2, 3, 4, 5. Four-story buildings, respectively 22 by 12m.,  
22 by 12m., 35 by 20m., and 50 by 20m.
- 5a. Smokestack
6. Four-story building, 20 by 45 m. Offices.
7. Two-story building, 16 by 70 m. Vulcanizing department.
- 8, 9, 10. Four-story buildings, 12 by 30 m., in which the tires are  
manufactured.
11. Main warehouse, three stories, 30 by 40 m.
12. Laboratory, and retreading department. Three-story building,  
40 m. long, 30 m. wide, and 15 m. high.
13. Smaller buildings, for auxiliary services.
14. Main entrance
15. Main court
16. Railroad spur
17. Wire fence
18. Enclosure wall
19. Kerepes cemetery
20. Double-track railroad from Ferencváros to East Station of Budapest
21. Double-track urban railroad line
22. Viaduct

Annex: Sketch-map of Rubber Goods Factory, Budapest (1 page).

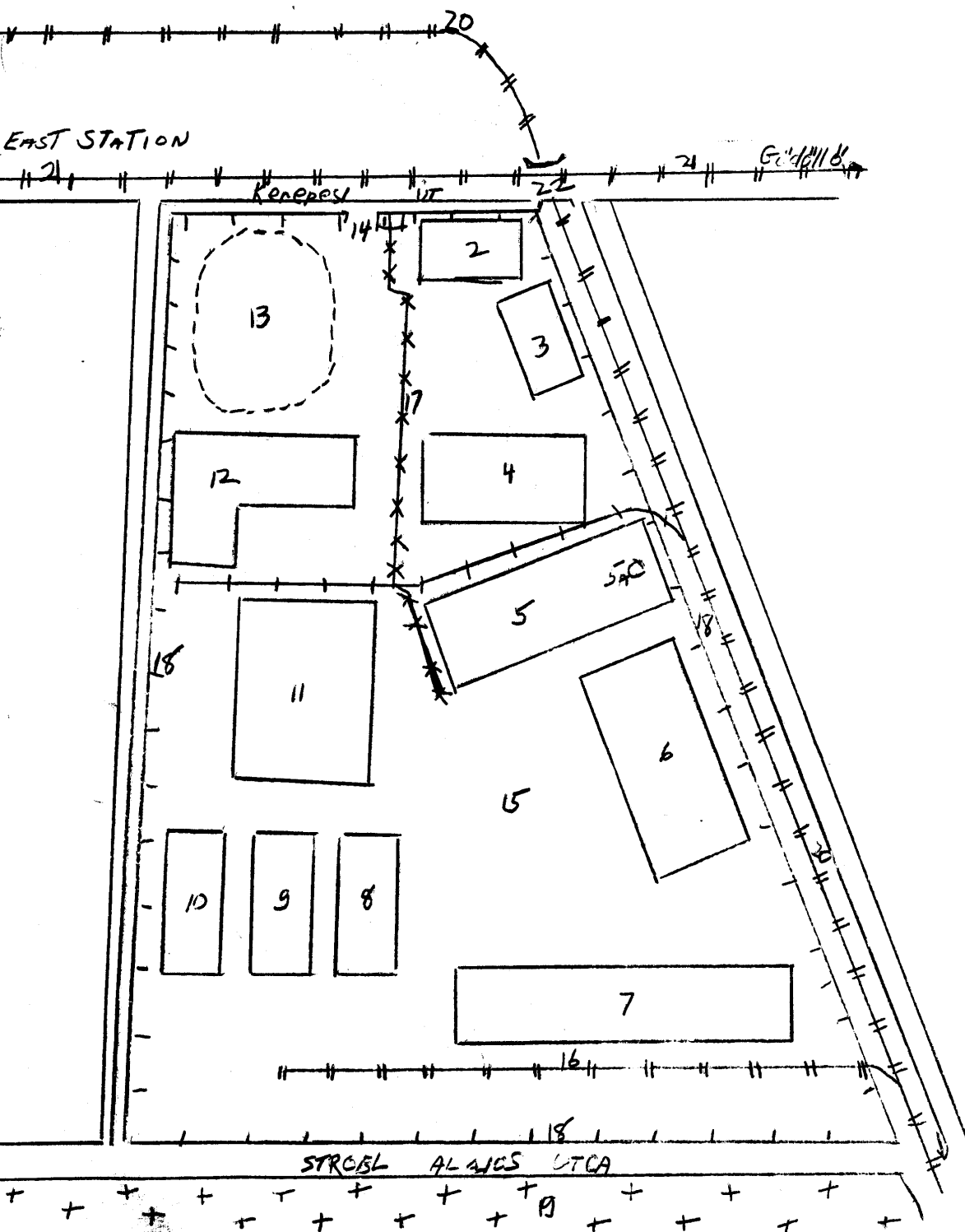
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